

	<p align="center">Regional Advisory Committee (RAC) Meeting Minutes March 24, 2009 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Washington County Health Department</p>	
Agenda Item	Discussion	Decisions /Follow-up
Welcome <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introductions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jennifer Taylor-Gray welcomed everyone and introductions occurred. 	N/A
Meeting Framework <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Overview of RAC • Meeting Purpose 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maureen Blanco gave an overview of the RAC and explained the purpose of the meeting. 	N/A
RAC Policy Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Hauck, Director, Maryland AIDS Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Heather Hauck presented information on policy updates including: (handouts provided) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State and Federal Funding • Ryan White Reauthorization • Federal Policy • Health Care Reform • Impact Issues 	N/A
HIV Reporting Transition <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Flynn, Chief Center for Surveillance & Epidemiology, AIDS Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Colin Flynn presented information on HIV Reporting Transition. (handouts provided) <p>Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act of 2006</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ryan White funds dependent on name-based HIV reporting • Non-name-based HIV reporting states given three-year transition period, if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – Transition plan by 10/1/06 – Laws/regulations in place by 4/1/08 • Name-based data to be used in 2010 funding allocations using data reported through 12/31/08 <p>Maryland HIV/AIDS Reporting Act of 2007</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • House Bill 1270 – Senate Bill 987 • Needed to comply with new federal mandates in Ryan White Treatment Modernization Act of 2006 • Governor signed on 4/24/2007 • Emergency legislation – went into effect immediately 	N/A

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physician reporting by name of HIV and AIDS cases • Physician reporting by name of HIV exposed infants • Facility reporting by name of HIV and AIDS cases • Laboratory reporting by name of HIV+ and all CD4 and VL test results <p>Transition Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Change over systems to report all new cases using names, immediately • Contact major HIV providers to make available lists of prevalent HIV cases • Re-report previously reported code-based cases as name-based cases • Identify sources of missing cases and investigate <p>Colin reviewed the following charts and graphs</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maryland HIV/AIDS Prevalence • Progress towards HIV Reporting Goal • Additional AIDS Cases • HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Gender • HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Race/Ethnicity • HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Current Age • HIV/AIDS Prevalence by Region, Risk and Before and After by County • HIV/AIDS Prevalence Before and After, Suburban Region • Ratio of HIV to AIDS Cases by County • Ratio of HIV to AIDS Cases by County, Suburban Region <p>Summary</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Successfully implemented new law • Surpassed HIV reporting target • Epidemiological “picture” appears substantially unchanged • Discovered 900+ unreported AIDS cases • Improved procedures • Established new provider relationships 	
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<p>Updating the SCSN & Comprehensive Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenn Clark, Chief, Center for HIV Care Services AIDS Administration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Glenn Clark presented a brief overview of highlights of the Statewide Coordinated Statement of Need (SCSN) and Comprehensive Plan (handouts provided). The SCSN is a mechanism for addressing key HIV/AIDS care issues and enhancing coordination across Ryan White programs and Parts and serves as a framework for programmatic action that will strengthen Maryland's HIV care service delivery system over a three-year planning cycle. Glenn reviewed the steps of the SCSN process and the key findings in the SCSN. The Ryan White Act requires Part B grantees to draft and implement statewide comprehensive plans, including a description of HIV-related services in the state, available resources, epidemiological data, service needs, goals and strategies. The guidelines state further that the plan should address disparities in HIV care, access and services among affected subpopulations and historically underserved communities, the needs of those who know their HIV status and are not in care and the needs of those who are currently in the care system. In line with the mission of the AIDS Administration, the Comprehensive Plan includes broad goals, principles and strategies for engaging and retaining all HIV infected persons in high quality care and services early in their diagnosis and throughout their diagnosis. This plan is designed to guide the design and implementation of Ryan White Parts B and D and state-funded HIV/AIDS services in Maryland over a <u>three-year period</u>. Glenn reviewed the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Where we are now: Our current system of care Where we need to go: Our vision of an ideal system How we will get there: Our goals for system improvements How we will monitor our progress: Our process for evaluation 	
<p>Local Prevention Presentation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debbie Anne, RN, ACRN HIV Program Supervisor, Frederick County 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Debbie Anne introduced the program POWER: <u>P</u>ositive <u>W</u>ellness and <u>R</u>enewal; that is being implemented in the Frederick County Area. It is a program developed for prevention and helping clients to move along the stages of change. The goal of the program is to reduce high risk behaviors related to the transmission of HIV. It is for men and women who have tested seropositive for HIV infection. She explained that the program has gone well with the case managers and clients relationships. 	

Health Department's Prevention Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Q: Could this program eventually become a Peer-to-Peer program? A: The skills for this program are not medical skills, so yes it could definitely be taught to others and peer. 	
Community Dialogue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Taylor-Gray opens the floor up to the attendees of the meeting to interact with each other and share information. The Frederick Church of the Brethren started an HIV/AIDS ministry and they are conducting a walk and a HIV/AIDS testing day on Saturday June 27, 2009. It is on National HIV Testing Day. Debbie Anne has all the related Information. There will be a community wide health fair at the Washington County Health Dept. on Saturday April 4, 2009. There will be testing and information. A high school prevention curriculum has been approved in the school system of Alleghany County to speak to youth about STDs such as HIV/AIDS in the upcoming school year. On National HIV/AIDS testing day there will be an AIDS watch. For more information go to www.napwa.org/advocacy/aidswatch.shtml 	
Wrap Up <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Announcements 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Taylor-Gray reminded everyone about the next meeting on May 26, 2009. She also reminded attendees to complete their evaluations and thanked everyone for coming. 	Evaluation results will be shared in the future.

Respectfully Submitted,

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